# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:726
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
RELOCATION OF PETROL PUMPS FROM NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;RAMESH CHENNITHALA

**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a): whether attention of the Government ahs been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Oil Companies, National Highway Authority of India, at Loggorheads over relocating pumps on highways` appearing in the Indian Express of June 25, 2002;

(b): if so, whether Oil Companies have expressed their difficulties to relocate the existing pumps as it will involve an expenditure of Rs.25 lakhs to Rs. 2 crores for each pump;

(c): if so, whether his Ministry had convened a meeting on July 5, 2002 with the National Highway Authority of India, in which Oil Companies were also present; and

(d): if so, the decision taken in the meeting?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): To discuss the issue, a meeting was held on the 5th July, 2002, in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, which was attended by representative from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, National Highway Authority of India and Oil Marketing Companies. Different aspects relating to the existing Retail Outlets on the highways as well as the new Retail Outlets that may be set up along the Highways, were discussed and a number of modality in this regard were agreed to.